

Remarks/Arguments

This is provided in response to a non-final office action mailed on November 28, 2006.

The examiner has rejected claims 16-19 and 26-29 as being anticipated by Wagner (6,236,303). The examiner has rejected dependent claims 20, 21, 22-25, as being unpatentable over Wagner (claims 20) and over Wagner in view of either Hertz (claim 21), and Morris (claims 22-25).

By the present amendment, Applicant replaces the words "central processing unit" with "microprocessor" throughout the claims to satisfy a broad interpretation of the term "central processing unit" on which the examiner relies. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claims 16, as amended herein, is patentable because the prior art of record fails to show, teach or suggest a device for displaying multiple pre-programmed messages, comprising: a first housing adapted to be mounted in a first location, a first electronic display mounted in the first housing, a first microprocessor associated with the first housing and being operably connected to the first electronic display for communicating display instructions to the first electronic display to generate a viewable message based on a selected message signal; a second housing adapted to be mounted in a second location, a second electronic display mounted in said second housing, a second microprocessor associated with the second housing and having a plurality of programmed message signals, means for conducting electric signals between the first microprocessor and the second microprocessor such that the second microprocessor is operably connected to the first microprocessor for communicating the selected message signal to the first microprocessor, the second microprocessor further being operably connected to the second electronic display for communicating display instructions to the second electronic display to generate a viewable message based on the selected message signal; message selection means associated with the second housing and being operably connected to the second microprocessor for enabling a user to select from the plurality of programmed message signals, the second

microprocessor communicating the selected message signal to the second electronic display to generate the viewable message and further communicating the selected message signal to the first microprocessor; and a source of electricity associated with one of said first or second housings for supplying electric power to the device.

In regards to dependent claims 17 - 25, applicant submits that these claims derive patentability from their dependence on patentable claim 16.

Applicant submits that claim 26, as amended herein, is patentable because the prior art of record fails to show, teach or suggest a device for displaying multiple pre-programmed messages, comprising: a first housing adapted to be mounted in a first location; a first electronic display screen mounted in said first housing; a second housing adapted to be mounted in a second location; a second electronic display screen mounted in said second housing; a first microprocessor for providing display information to said display screen in said first housing; a second microprocessor for providing display information to said display screen in said second housing; a power source in one of said first or second housings for supplying electric power to said display screens and said first and second microprocessors; means for selecting a message to be displayed on said first and second displays; and means for conducting electric signals between said first and second microprocessors.

In regards to dependent claims 27 - 29, applicant submits that these claims derive patentability from their dependence on patentable claim 26.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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